

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

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A RESOLUTION to recognize L. Brooks Garland on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves during their careers and performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is L. Brooks Garland, the General Counsel for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), who has served the state of Tennessee with distinction for twenty-nine years and has recently announced that he will be taking a much-deserved retirement in February; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland is a native of Unicoi County, who graduated from Tennessee Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree; and

WHEREAS, L. Brooks Garland has spent his career building the state's legal system, being first employed as counsel for the Tennessee Department of Conservation and then as an Administrative Law Judge with the Office of the Secretary of State until 1987; and

WHEREAS, having performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, Mr. Garland then accepted the post of general counsel for the TWRA, in which position he soon gained renown expertise in the field of wildlife law. He has worked tirelessly on riparian issues at Reelfoot Lake and played a vital role in the successful defense and development of legislation to protect the wildlife laws and programs that benefit all of Tennessee's sportsmen, all while working doggedly on nationwide issues of legal concern to sportsmen across our nation, with both the International and Southeastern Associations of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, L. Brooks Garland epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in

its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens and specially recognize him for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend L. Brooks Garland for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt good wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.